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## **GO SERV “SPOTLIGHT” HONORS ESCONDIDO TEEN VOLUNTEER**

*Teen provides positive role model for at risk kids*

**SACRAMENTO** - The Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring Alex Duran, a seventeen year old from Escondido as this week’s *Spotlight*. Alex volunteered with the Salvation Army’s Afterschool Challenge Program, which provides a safe place and positive role models for at-risk children from diverse backgrounds.

“We need more teenagers like Alex who recognize what an important difference they can make in someone’s life,” Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said. “The kids Alex has served through the Salvation Army’s program are better off now because of Alex’s help and service.”

Alex worked with approximately 25 middle school aged children, helping them develop their math and reading skills. Coming from a background similar to many of the children, Alex clearly understood the challenges they can sometimes face. And using his love of sports as a way to teach young people about teamwork, Alex was able to engage kids in ways that were both educational and fun.

The GO SERV *Spotlight* is a weekly recognition program, honoring community service organizations or individuals involved in community service. To view the full *Spotlight* story, please visit the GO SERV Web site at [www.goserv.ca.gov](http://www.goserv.ca.gov).

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